

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1654

## AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

on \_\_\_\_\_)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Rasoul)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-287.4 of the Code of Virginia, relating to prohibited carrying of certain firearms in public areas; penalty.

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 18.2-287.4 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 18.2-287.4. Carrying loaded firearms in public areas prohibited; penalty.**

~~It shall be~~ is unlawful for any person to carry a loaded ~~(a)~~ (i) semi-automatic center-fire rifle or pistol that expels single or multiple projectiles by action of an explosion of a combustible material and is equipped at the time of the offense with a magazine that will hold more than 20 rounds of ammunition or designed by the manufacturer to accommodate a silencer or equipped with a folding stock or ~~(b)~~ (ii) shotgun ~~with a magazine that will hold more than seven rounds of the longest ammunition for which it is chambered or rifle~~ on or about his person on any public street, road, alley, sidewalk, public right-of-way, or in any public park or any other place of whatever nature that is open to the public in the Cities of Alexandria, Charlottesville, Chesapeake, Fairfax, Falls Church, Newport News, Norfolk, Richmond, Roanoke, or Virginia Beach or in the Counties of Albemarle, Arlington, Fairfax, Henrico, Loudoun, or Prince William.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to law-enforcement officers, licensed security guards, military personnel in the performance of their lawful duties, or any person having a valid concealed handgun permit or to any person actually engaged in lawful hunting or lawful recreational shooting activities at an established shooting range or shooting contest. Any person violating the provisions of this section ~~shall be~~ is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

The exemptions set forth in §§ 18.2-308 and 18.2-308.016 shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the provisions of this section.

**2. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment or commitment. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation is \_\_\_\_\_ for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities; therefore, Chapter 2 of the Acts of Assembly of 2018, Special Session I, requires the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission to assign a minimum fiscal impact of \$50,000. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation is \_\_\_\_\_ for periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.**

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